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Mercantile Summary.

As the result of several law-suits lately instituted by Montreal houses for past due accounts, an assignment has been made by F. X. Laframboise & Co., dealing in groceries, etc., at South Indian, Russell County, Ont.

A MONTREAL tobacconist, named Napoleon Bedard, makes an offer to his creditors of 40 cents in the dollar, cash. He is said to owe nearly \$2,000.—N. Degrosselliers, of the same city, in the grocery trade for about five years, has assigned. So also has C. S. Milburne, an Ottawa tobacconist, who owes about \$1,000.

THE sheriff is reported to be in possession of the assets of J. I. Smyth, a general dealer of some importance at Port Hood, N.S. Mr. Smyth has been long in business, first as one of the firm of Fynn & Smyth, who began business in 1886 on a capital of \$15,000, principally contributed by Smyth, it is said. Owing to poor buying and over-liberal crediting, so it is said, they had to ask an extension in 1897, and then dissolved. Smyth has since continued alone, but has shown signs of financial strain all along, and during the past year frequent suits have appeared against him.

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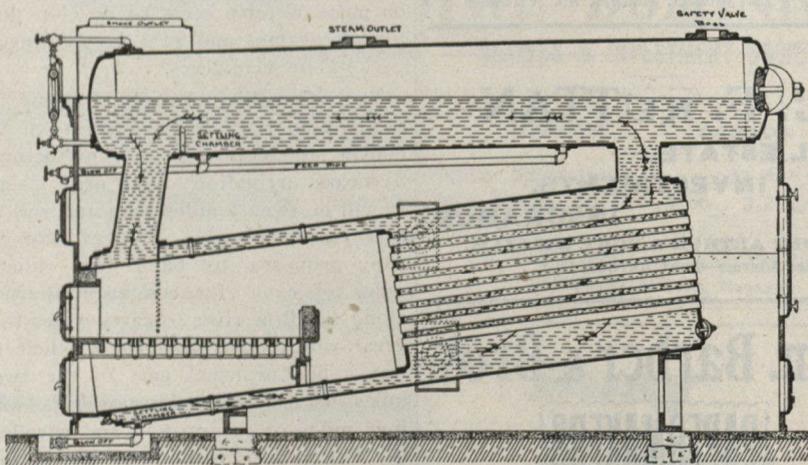
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J. O. TROTTER's clothing store, in Woodstock, Ont., was gutted by fire on Sunday last. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$7,000. The public library, which was in the same building, was also damaged.

THE Turnbull Elevator Manufacturing Company's works, in Toronto, were last week damaged by fire to the amount of \$5,000; insured. George R. Burt's piano factory, in the same building, was also injured to the amount of \$1,500; partially insured.

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